



Islip, N.Y. – Islip Town Supervisor Phil Nolan, along with Councilman Gene Parrington and Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer Bill Lindsay, were on hand for the demolition of the Olde Lamplighter Inn in Sayville.

The Town of Islip passed a law this past winter that charges a fee to owners of properties that are considered blighted based on a point system. Properties that exceed 100 points are fined either \$2,500 annually for residential properties or \$5,000 annually for commercial properties. The Olde Lamplighter Inn was served with a notice of blight in the spring.

“This property was a thorn in the side of our residents for decades,” said Supervisor Nolan. “The Town’s blight law will continue to ensure that other eyesores meet the same fate as the Lamplighter.”

“This is a prime example of different levels of government working together in Suffolk County,” said Presiding Officer Bill Lindsay. “I am glad that we were able to move forward with the demolition and help build another local business in Sayville.”

Supervisor Nolan took the opportunity to speak of the incentives for those that seek to develop properties on the blighted property list. Some of the incentives include a twenty-five percent reduction of permit fees and expedited processing.

“We’re giving people a great opportunity to take properties that are detrimental to the area and transform them into something beneficial for the community,” remarked Supervisor Nolan.

An animal hospital is to be built where the Olde Lamplighter Inn once stood.

Since the Town of Islip passed the law to penalize blighted properties, other towns on Long Island have adopted similar measures.

Pictured at the demolition (from left to right) are Supervisor Nolan; Presiding Officer Lindsay; and Councilman Parrington.